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THE HAMPTON NORMAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE

HAMPTON, VIRGINIA

PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

—Arrive at Old Point

THURSDAY, MAY 11

—Inspection of Trade School and Agricultural Buildings. Battalion drill. Luncheon at the Mansion House. Laying cornerstone of the Robert C. Ogden Auditorium. Trustees' evening

FRIDAY, MAY 12

—Meeting of the National Hampton Association in Museum at 10:30 a. m. Battalion drill. Luncheon at the home of Mrs. Purves. Anniversary exercises in the Gymnasium

SATURDAY, MAY 13

—Guests leave Old Point

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THE NATIONAL HAMPTON ASSOCIATION

AS a revelation of the spirit of Hampton's friends and their work through organized effort, the brief notes of the growth and accomplishment of the Hampton clubs and associations will be of immediate interest to all members of the National Hampton Association.

The brief accompanying reports were dispatched at short notice by request of the Executive Secretary, and although not intended for publication they prove so clearly the value of associated effort in Hampton's behalf, and throw such helpful light upon the problems and methods of organization, that we print them in the present form strictly for use among Association members.

In no case was it the object of the Associations to give a full report for the present pamphlet. Following the National Hampton Association meeting at Hampton during Anniversary week it is hoped to publish a full report of the meeting with suggestions for future organization, reports from each Association, and a brief history of each society.

The Hampton Associations, as requested, have sent now only the briefest account of their beginnings, their growth, and their work.

In these modest statements of work done for Hampton by her Associations the half has not been told. Yet in them there are inspiration and suggestion for all those who read of the devotion of those who have labored that Hampton shall not go down.

THE BOSTON HAMPTON COMMITTEE

MRS. DUDLEY L. PICKMAN, *President*
MRS. JAMES MEANS, *Secretary*
MISS ALICE P. TAPLEY, *Treasurer*
MRS. WM. B. EVERETT, *Assistant Treasurer*

THE following clipping from the Boston *Herald* of April 18, 1893, immediately after General Armstrong, Hampton's founder, was stricken with paralysis, gives some idea of the manner in which Boston friends rallied to the support of the school :—

"The meeting at the Old South Meeting House yesterday afternoon was a success from every point of view. Rev. Edward Everett Hale presided. The chairman read a letter from Governor Russell in which he expressed his appreciation of the work of the Institute and his sympathy with the meeting.

"Lieutenant-Governor Wolcott was introduced and said it was a peculiar satisfaction to him to give his own testimony regarding the work which the school was doing. Mr. Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, a graduate of Hampton, now teaching at Tuskegee, told what Hampton and similar schools had done for the Negro in the South and contrasted the Negro uneducated with the Negro educated. Rev. H. B. Frissell, General Armstrong's right-hand man in the work of the Institute, was next introduced.

"The old friends who first rallied to General Armstrong's help are dying off and others must be found to take their places. Dr. Hale, before dismissing the audience, announced that to the committee for raising money for the present needs of the Institute, consisting of Rev. Samuel Eliot, Henry Woods, R. H. Stearnes, Elbridge Torrey, Edward G. Porter, Edwin B. Mead, Frank Wood, Joshua W. Davis, Mary Hemenway, Mary B. Claflin, Ellen F. Mason, Alice Freeman Palmer, the following names had been added: Rev. Alexander McKenzie, D. D., Prof. F. G. Peabody, Rev. Philip Moxom, Rev. George A. Gordon, D. D., Mr. S. B. Capen, Mrs. James T. Fields, Mrs. S. H. Bullard, Mrs. Charles Fairchild, Mr. A. M. Howe, Mr. George Henry Quincy, Lieut-Gov. Roger Wolcott, Mrs. H. W. Foote."

Of its subsequent growth the Treasurer writes as follows:—

The Boston Hampton Committee was formed in 1893 by Mrs. Stephen Bullard, who invited a selected number of ladies to become members. It has always been a very informal organization. In the early days the money was raised by entertainments or by personal solicitation. One year we divided the Committee into groups of three members, who tried to raise $70 scholarships, one for each group. After a few years it was decided to try sending out a printed appeal, which has been our method of raising money since then, although this has been supplemented by entertainments, lectures, and summer meetings.

We began by raising $16.40 and the sum has increased by degrees. We have sent to Hampton as much as $11,084.40 in one year, but this and another contribution of $11,006.92 were our largest. This year we shall exceed this sum. In two instances, sums towards the endowment fund have helped greatly.

In the beginning we sent out a small number of appeals, but are now sending out 5000. Our method is to enclose a return envelope and a slip, and, in the case of a former contributor, another special slip. This year our meetings have been especially interesting as we have had speakers at almost every one. We have a President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and a large committee. In the beginning each member (our committee numbered 30) paid $2.50 so that we might send down a Committee Scholarship, but that has been discon-

tinued. We meet once a month from November to April, with one omission this year. We find it very interesting to have a paper at our meetings from one of the Committee on any matter connected with Negro and Indian affairs, whether related to the Institute or not. At Christmas time and again in the spring we send boxes to Hampton with clothing, pictures, toys, bric-a-brac, and money.

The following is a brief statement of the Secretary regarding the work of the past year :—

During the past year the work of the Boston Committee has gone steadily on. It has held regular meetings, where reports have been made, and there have been most interesting discussions of the different phases of work for the Negro and Indian. The Committee arranged a course of lectures by Mr. Alfred W. Martin, whose thoughtful work is known to many people. These lectures helped to increase the sum sent to Hampton.

As usual, at Christmas time and in the spring, generous gifts of clothing and other things have been sent to Hampton to be most gratefully received there, and given to many people. A few weeks ago the Committee was glad to bear its part in helping to make a success of the public meeting in Symphony Hall which was under the charge of the Massachusetts Hampton Association, where a large audience listened to stirring addresses and sweet music, and must have gone away with renewed interest in the work of Hampton and the wish to help it.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts		Expenditures	
Balance Jan. 1, 1915	$2.79	Printing and postage	$251.12
Subscriptions and donations	9,035.00	"Palace of Delight"	50.00
From Magnolia and Nahant meetings	428.00	Packing, freight, and collecting checks	9.71
From Mr. Martin's lectures	436.50	Sent to Hampton	9,650.00
From meeting at Women's City Club	14.25	Balance	31.12
For the Christmas box	35.00		
Sent for use in 1916	30.00		
Interest on deposits	10.41		
	$9,991.95		$9,991.95

THE BROOKLYN ARMSTRONG ASSOCIATION

FRANK L. BABBOTT, *President*
MRS. WILLIAM GILMAN LOW, *Vice President*
HENRY SHERMAN ADAMS, *Secretary*
HENRY B. VAN SINDEREN, *Treasurer*
MRS. CHARLES W. IDE
GEORGE FOSTER PEABODY
WALTER H. CRITTENDEN

THE foundation of the Brooklyn Armstrong Association in 1907, for the purpose of stimulating interest in the work of Hampton Institute in particular and the uplift of the Negro and Indian races in general, was due primarily to geographical reasons. Brooklyn, through its absorption by the greater city, became some years before a part of the field covered by the New York Armstrong Association, but the influence of the latter had extended very little across the East River and it was felt that the vast population of the borough called for independent effort. The results have in every respect quite justified this feeling.

The activities of the Association, aside from the routine work of collecting membership dues and subscriptions for Hampton scholarships and the general fund of the Institute, are concentrated in a biennial public meeting to keep public interest alive, with a gathering of the members, usually at a private house, in the alternate years. The public meetings have had, as their special Hampton features, industrial exhibitions and motion pictures, with songs by either a quartet or a choir of the students; in one instance there were Indian and African dances as well. Aside from the addresses by Dr. Frissell, Major Moton, and other representatives of Hampton Institute, there has usually been an outside speaker known to take particular interest in the work of the school. One of the largest of such meetings was in Plymouth Church, when Hon. William H. Taft was the principal speaker. The attendance has ranged from twelve hundred to more than two thousand. On one occasion an exception to the general plan was made and a nativity play was presented, while another year there was an organ recital. For the play, tickets were sold. In the other cases all the seats were reserved but the tickets were distributed gratis to members and other applicants. Our policy is not to give any entertainment for which tickets are sold, and it is not likely to be departed from again. In recent years, however, we have taken up a collection at these meetings and have found it a very satisfactory way of adding to the

contributions of the Association to Hampton Institute. Such collections go intact to the school, as all the expenses of the meetings are met through the voluntary generosity of a few of the members.

At the alternate gatherings there are one or more informal addresses on Hampton's work and some songs by the students, the evening's program being followed by an hour or so of social intercourse. Light refreshments are served and the very moderate expenses of the affairs are paid privately.

The main strength of our financial aid to Hampton Institute lies, of course, in its membership dues and the subscriptions made through the Association. We are happy, and certainly more than fortunate, to be able to say that every penny of such collections goes to the school; for here again all the expenses—which are never very heavy, as there are no salaries or office expenses—are met privately. Until two years ago there were three classes of paying members—annual at $2.00, sustaining at $5.00, and life at $50.00. There were also honorary members, who were exempt from dues. The plan now is to make any contribution, from two dollars up, constitute membership for the current year. No bills are sent out, but a contribution blank is forwarded with the booklets containing the annual reports. Thus far the change of plan has been satisfactory. While new members are frequently added to the list by personal solicitation, the fixed rule of the Association is to make no direct appeals for contributions; the idea is to arouse interest to a point where donations shall be a voluntary matter.

The active work of the Association is conducted by an executive committee, which consists of the officers and twelve others, and meets at the home of one of the members as frequently as occasion requires. The committee is always represented on the annual spring excursion to Hampton Institute for the Anniversary exercises. Although this excursion is not a Brooklyn Armstrong Association affair, some of our most active members participate in it regularly and we feel that as a source of fresh inspiration it should be looked upon as an incidental factor in our work. We make a strong effort to induce members and others who have never been to Hampton, but who might perhaps become generous contributors if they had first-hand knowledge, to go down and see things as they are.

The amounts forwarded to Hampton Institute by this Association are as follows:

1907	125.00
*1908	6000.00
1909	1700.00
1910	1940.00
1911	2870.00
1912	3315.10
1913	3000.00
1914	3900.00
†1915	43,465.00
	$66,315.10

* Includes special gift of $5000

† Includes special gift of $40,000 for the Robert C. Ogden Scholarship Fund

HENRY SHERMAN ADAMS,
Secretary

THE HAMPTON ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK

WILLIAM JAY SCHIEFFELIN, *President*
ELBRIDGE L. ADAMS, *Chairman Executive Committee*
MISS MARY N. POPHAM, *Secretary*

THE Armstrong Association was founded in 1893 in the City of New York, by an earnest group of the friends of Hampton, to help the school, in the most trying period of its history, shortly after its founder, General Armstrong, was stricken with paralysis, when the institution for which he had practically given his life was most sorely in need.

The object of the organization was expressed as follows: "The Armstrong Association is formed in aid of Hampton Institute, to organize and extend public interest in its important work. In adopting General Armstrong's name it starts at once with the strongest element of personal enthusiasm, and it hopes to aid in making the school an enduring monument to his consecrated service."

Its membership has grown to almost a thousand. Only a small part of the benefit to Hampton and the Negro have been the direct donations of the Association to the school. It has increasingly realized its object to organize and extend public interest in the work of Hampton.

The Hampton Association of New York, to which the original name was

changed after twenty years of service, is unique among the Hampton Associations in that it has helped to build up a large constituency for the school without endeavoring to direct the flow of funds through its local office. The original dues of two dollars per annum, recently changed to voluntary subscriptions, from its large list of members, have maintained an office and paid secretary, while the gifts which go direct to the school from members of the Association are more than ten-fold the average amount of the income of the society.

Another unique feature of the New York Hampton Association has been its interest and support of other organizations for the Negro, including Tuskegee, the Music School Settlement of New York, and an employment bureau for worthy colored workers.

It has annually spread the knowledge and principles of Hampton and Tuskegee to thousands by the great meetings held in Carnegie Hall, New York. These have become almost annual events, which, because of the loyal support of a large membership, seldom fail of success. Under the auspices of this Association, many of the leaders best known to America have championed the cause of Hampton and Tuskegee from the platform of Carnegie Hall. Upon the programs of the Association meetings have appeared such names as Grover Cleveland, William H. Taft, Theodore Roosevelt, Joseph Choate, Booker T. Washington, Charles Eliot, Andrew Carnegie, and Seth Low.

During the past winter, the New York Hampton Association undertook the management of the Booker T. Washington Memorial Meeting which proved such a remarkable tribute to the famous leader of his race. Through the past year the Association has also been the headquarters of the Ogden Memorial Fund, to aid which it has given its offices and the services of its secretary.

THE ORANGE HAMPTON CLUB

MRS. CLARENCE H. KELSEY, *President*
MRS. A. H. LAMSON, *First Vice President*
MISS ANNIE TAYLOR, *Second Vice President*
MISS SOPHIA WALLACE, *Recording Secretary*
MRS. LORENZO BENEDICT, *Treasurer*

YOU asked for data of the Orange Hampton Club. It was founded April 13, 1887. There were eight ladies present at the first meeting. From the beginning, Christmas boxes have been sent every year to the schools taught by Hampton graduates. The number has varied, but at present we send four.

We must have sent about one hundred and fifty of these boxes during all these years. We sew at the monthly meetings, and make articles for the boxes, principally workbags, aprons, dresses, etc. We also buy toys and games and other small articles for them, and ask for donations of second-hand clothing.

We have both active and associate members. The active members attend the monthly sewing meetings. The associates pay dues of one dollar a year. We support two seventy-dollar scholarships, and this year, through the generosity of one of our members, we have a third. We have had about twenty-eight students under our care, and their records have been good. I had them looked up and presented at the annual meeting last year. Our active list is limited to thirty-five members, as we meet at a private house; we have thirty-three at present and an associate list of about one hundred and ten.

I think it is really quite remarkable that this little club has lived so long in a place where there are so many local charities as in Orange. At times I have feared its days were numbered, but just now it seems to be in an unusually good condition, financially and otherwise. The meetings have been more largely attended this winter than ever, and the treasurer's report will be the best, I think, that we have ever had.

We have never raised money for the Club by entertainments or by soliciting in any way, and in that I think we are unique. The other day one of our associate members, in paying her annual dues, sent a check for ten dollars instead of one.

ELIZABETH B. KELSEY
President

THE PHILADELPHIA HAMPTON COMMITTEE

DR. CHARLES T. HATFIELD, *Chairman*
MISS MARGARET MELLOR, *Secretary*

SOME years ago, a Friend from Philadelphia, a young man of wealth and social position, went to Hampton and spent a year there as a teacher, learning its methods and becoming familiar with the conditions and needs of the Negro race. He then returned to his native city and is devoting his life to studying and helping the Philadelphia Negro—the class which, perhaps, most needs help in the City of Brotherly Love. He opened an office and formed an organization to help members of that race to better schools, better opportunities of service, better coöperation with one another. He felt that Philadelphia ought to know more of Hampton's work and to help more towards its support.

A few citizens of Philadelphia have for years been loyal supporters of the school, but it was felt that a local committee with a paid secretary and an office in the city would help to make Hampton's work better known. The Committee has been formed. The young Friend has allowed his office to be used as headquarters; appeals have been sent out; meetings have been held; and a successful beginning has been made.

The work was started just when the financial condition of the country was at a low ebb, and this crisis was followed immediately by the war. In spite of this the number of Philadelphia subscribers has increased fifty per cent during the past year (1915).

Meetings have been held at the following places:—

Parlor meeting at the home of Miss Coles
Parlor meeting at the home of Miss Esther Lloyd
University of Pennsylvania Y. M. C. A.
Haverford College
Swarthmore College
The Misses Shipley's School
Friends' Select School
Durham School
The Woman's Club, Swarthmore
Franklin Inn Club
Chestnut Hill Academy
Second Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia
First Presbyterian Church, Germantown
First Presbyterian Church, Doylestown

A play given by Negro and Indian Hampton students was presented twice on the campus of Haverford College.

A rally was held in January at St. Stephen's Parish House for all Hampton graduates and ex-students who live in or near Philadelphia. The interest taken in the work of the Philadelphia Hampton Committee was indeed gratifying; and the Philadelphia Hampton Alumni Association has been formed with the object of keeping in touch with the work and of maintaining a scholarship at Hampton.

A delegation of sixteen Philadelphians was secured for the special Hampton Trip in April. The trip as usual was a great success, and the party of over one hundred representative men and women from New York, Boston, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, and other cities was delightfully entertained at Hampton, finding much of interest during their few days' visit.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance on hand June 1, 1914 . . .	$106.11
Received from Hampton for current expenses June 1, 1914 to June 1, 1915,	450.00
	$556.11
Paid out by cash	31.72
Paid out by check	420.62
Total expenditure for current expenses June 1, 1914 to June 1, 1915 . . .	452.24
Balance on hand June 1, 1915	103.77
	$556.11

All contributions, receipts from meetings, etc., forwarded intact to the Treasurer of Hampton Institute, have been in summary as follows :—

Balance receipts from June meetings,	$534.32
Receipts from January meetings . . .	700.66
Receipts from donations and subscriptions	727.24
	$1962.22

THE HAMPTON CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

MRS. WILLIAM B. MEDLICOTT, *President*
MRS. CHARLES W. BURT, *Treasurer*

THE Hampton Club of Springfield, Massachusetts, began its existence in 1881—thirty-five years ago. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. George Howard, with twenty-one members. Mrs. Howard became its first president and continued in office for twenty-five years. No record was kept for the first year, but in 1882 Miss Ida Southworth, now Mrs. Solomon Griffin, became its first treasurer.

During twenty-four years the club has sent to Hampton $12,821.77, to Tuskegee, $800, to Miss Georgia Washington, $625, and to the Dixie Hospital, $600, making a total of $14,846.77 or an average of about $650 a year.

The active membership of the club is limited to 100. The honorary membership is now 96. At the present time (1916) the meetings are held every two weeks in private houses.

The Springfield Hampton Club has now at Hampton two permanent academic scholarships called, in memory of a valued member of the club, the Elizabeth Mitchell Ames Scholarships. We send every year two academic scholarships, and another is added by a charter member of the club, Mrs Solomon Griffin.

In 1912 we were able to send $200 to Hampton to be used for special needs, such as a drive press for the blacksmith shop; for the agricultural department two farm levels for surveying for drainage; a new typewriter for the Publication Office and an up-to-date dictionary contributed by the G. C. Merriam Company.

We also gave a radiopticon for the Shellbanks farmhouse. In the same year the club sent $200 to Miss Georgia Washington to enable her to pipe her laundry for convenience in washing.

Interest in the club has been stimulated by sending delegates on the Hampton Trip to attend the Anniversary exercises.

GRACE HARDING MEDLICOTT, *President*

THE TAUNTON HAMPTON ASSOCIATION

MRS. HERBERT FISHER, *Secretary*
MISS EDITH B. SEIBEL, *Treasurer*

A LADY of Boston stimulated an interest in the Taunton Branch of the Hampton Association, organized in Taunton January 25, 1900. A board of officers was appointed at that time.

The Association began by supporting an academic scholarship of $70, assessing each member of the Association $1.00 annually. It is called "The Harriet Beecher Stowe Scholarship." The following year, in 1901, it was raised to a full scholarship of $100 and has thus been maintained.

A meeting of the Hampton Association is held each year in February, when members are invited to pay dues; it is preceded by a business meeting of the Board of Directors. The entertainment of the annual meeting is varied, but generally has a bearing on the colored race. A speaker tells of the need of uplifting the Negro, and of the efforts of the Institute at Hampton in that direction. Letters from the recipient of the scholarship are read, and music is often furnished in a sympathetic and artistic manner by the Hampton Quartet.

The Association has arranged for public meetings in behalf of Hampton Institute, where plantation songs were sung, a graduate gave a history of his life, and a speaker from Hampton described its work, illustrating his talk with the stereopticon. A collection was taken for the benefit of Hampton Institute.

The records show the death of one scholarship student, Miss Georgia Elliott. Another, Miss Linnie Lumpkins, married the instructor in agriculture at the Penn School. The Harriet Beecher Stowe Scholarship is now paying the tuition of its fifth student.

MRS. HERBERT FISHER, *Secretary*

THE WORCESTER HAMPTON ASSOCIATION

MRS. FRANCIS A. KINNICUTT, *Chairman*

THE Worcester Branch of the Massachusetts Hampton Association is so very new that I feel there is little of interest to report.

A Hampton meeting was held on January 21 in Central Church, Worcester, with an attendance of about five hundred people. No special appeal for money

was made at the meeting, as two campaigns to raise $50,000 each were being carried on that week, and we did not feel that it was at all a wise thing to make an urgent request for money. A collection was taken and amounted to $115.

After that meeting a permanent committee was formed consisting of Mrs. Leonard P. Kinnicutt, Chairman, Mrs. F. F. Dresser, Mrs. Ira N. Hollis, and Mrs. Leonard Wheeler. This committee agreed to serve with the understanding that no active work be done until next autumn. Mrs. P. W. Moen gave her annual subscription of $50 through this committee in March, and we have sent Hampton $165.49 in all. Worcester people have given individually to Hampton for many years but there has been no organization until this winter.

MRS. FRANCIS A. KINNICUTT
Chairman

IN connection with the reports of the various Hampton organizations at the annual meeting, which will be published later, it is hoped to include brief historical sketches of the Massachusetts Hampton Association and the Armstrong League of New York.

THE NATIONAL HAMPTON ASSOCIATION

IN active aid to Hampton, the past year has been a record one for the groups comprising the National Hampton Association. In addition to the successful meetings held in the largest halls of the greatest centers of the Eastern Seaboard, including New York, Boston, Brooklyn, and Philadelphia, every Hampton organization has been visited by a representative from the school.

The statements which precede this report bear witness to the activity and enthusiasm of each group of workers for Hampton. In addition to their activities and donations, which have been in part recorded, the members have taken a large share in the National Memorial to Mr. Ogden, which marks a new period in the growth of the school.

Fully fifty per cent of the amounts received to date for the Ogden Memorial Auditorium has come from members of the Hampton Associations. Omitting altogether the aid to the school from the local appeals to their communities, the brief statement of the winter meetings aided by the clubs of Boston, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Taunton, and Worcester alone, shows over $8000 as their immediate result.

The value to the school of such advocates of its work as ex-President Taft, Governor McCall, Major Robert R. Moton, Congressman Montague, Honorable Seth Low, and Honorable George McAneny, who spoke in behalf of Hampton in the same chain of meetings arranged by the Associations, can hardly be estimated.

The New York Hampton Association paid a fitting tribute to Booker T. Washington by arranging the memorial meeting in Carnegie Hall, from which more than three thousand people were turned away, as speakers of two races from the North and South bore witness to his greatness.

In view of the unusual activity during the past winter within the Hampton organizations and within the school—activity which augurs solid growth for both—the efforts of the officers of the National Association have been given to meet immediate needs, and little opportunity has been afforded to organize new fields for the future.

Through the columns of the Southern Workman, the Executive Secretary has endeavored to keep in closer touch with the members. Letters have been sent to the various Associations requesting information and suggestions. In the case of several, closer contact between offices at the North and the school office has been effected. Whenever possible, the Executive Secretary has visited the officers. Material for appeals has been supplied from the Hampton office, and on one occasion it was privileged to send an emergency speaker for a special meeting of an Association.

By the kindness of their leaders the Executive Secretary has been enabled to publish the accompanying notes upon the history and growth of the present Hampton Associations. These brief outlines of their growth and work have both interest and inspiration. They should prove a basis for discussion of future plans, and growth of new alliances.

Suggestions as to methods and organization have been requested of the Executive Secretary and may not be out of place here. A thorough appreciation of the spirit and work of allied groups would cement each club into a more effective alliance. The publication of the annual reports made at each Hampton Anniversary, with sketches of the history of each organization and stories of the lives of those Negro and Indian men and women whom each Association has sent, through Hampton, to help their people in the South or West, would have fresh interest each year. To the workers and students at Hampton the stories of the Hampton clubs would be an inspiration. The publication of the history of several of them in the Southern Workman would strengthen the hands of the Faculty and of other workers. Also friends

of the school in other cities would thus be interested to form similar alliances.

A service to the school and its graduates might be given and a strong basis of appeal made by sending letters from each Association to the graduates who are beneficiaries of its scholarships. By coöperation with Hampton's record offices, the life stories of the graduates helped by these scholarships could be obtained. Their records could be made the subject of interesting discussion at monthly meetings, and would be valuable material in the files of the National Association's headquarters as well as for publication in the Southern Workman. An inventory every fall of the human investments of each Association would prove of no small value and interest.

Owing to the proposed plans for the executive offices of the school, it has been impossible to secure suitable space for the National Hampton Association this year. A large, airy office with files for each organization and with a reference library, is planned as headquarters of the National Association and of its members while at Hampton.

A list of one hundred of the most prominent friends of the school whom the Associations may invite to speak at semi-annual meetings has been prepared. To avoid straining the good will of such true friends of Hampton, careful coöperation with the home office is strongly urged.

The success of the appeals and pamphlets mailed by the Committees of Boston and Brooklyn is worthy of note. It is suggested that other Associations may extend their influence and membership by this means.

Although the past year has been marked by intensive cultivation of the present field of Hampton organizations, the time is ripe for the formation of several new Associations. A glimpse at the history of the several clubs of Hampton's friends is proof that each has worked out its own salvation in its own manner with a splendid devotion to the school. To request a set standard of organization, ignoring the local traditions and needs of the loyal groups of Hampton's friends who give so freely and untiringly of their time and means to aid the school, would prove disastrous. The imposition of an artificial organization upon certain distant cities which contribute largely to the school would defeat its object by dividing the constituency of Hampton in those communities into groups consisting of those without and those within the organization.

Where there is little intimate knowledge of Hampton the task of rallying different elements and social groups to the support of a distant institution is next to impossible. To successfully establish a new organization, the most painstaking, personal work should be given, and only such an Association

as may grow spontaneously and naturally from a small group of Hampton's friends contains the germ of success. Much should be gained from discussions and decisions regarding extension work at the annual meeting of the National Hampton Association.

By small beginnings, with select groups, the Executive Secretary would strongly recommend the founding of Hampton Associations in Richmond, Virginia; New London and Hartford, Connecticut; Syracuse, New York; and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,

SYDNEY DODD FRISSELL,
Executive Secretary

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